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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FIFTH MEETING OF STATES PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Gilberto B. ASUQUE (Philippines)

1. At its 2nd meeting, on 25 July 1996, the Fifth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following members: Cameroon, Malta, Marshall Islands, Philippines, Senegal, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay.

2. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 30 July 1996.

3. Mr. Gilberto B. Asuque (Philippines) was elected Chairman of the Committee.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat, dated 29 July 1996, on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the Fifth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum of the Secretariat, formal credentials by the head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by any person authorized by either of them, had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 68 States participating in the Fifth Meeting of States Parties: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Cameroon, China, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Dominica, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Republic of

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Korea, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay and Viet Nam.

6. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum of the Secretariat, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the Fifth Meeting of States Parties had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbale from Ministries, Permanent Missions to the United Nations or other Government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, by the following 24 States participating in the Fifth Meeting of States Parties: Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Cape Verde, Cuba, Costa Rica, Djibouti, Egypt, Gambia, Georgia, Guinea, Kenya, Lebanon, Mali, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Togo, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

7. The Chairman proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all representatives mentioned in the memorandum of the Secretariat, supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretariat during the meeting of the Credentials Committee, on the understanding that formal credentials of representatives referred to in paragraph 2 of the Secretariat's memorandum would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chairman for adoption by the Committee:

"The Credentials Committee,

"Having examined the credentials of the representatives to Fifth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum of the Secretariat dated 29 July 1996, supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretariat during the meeting of the Credentials Committee,

"Accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned".

8. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

9. Subsequently, the Chairman proposed that the Committee recommend to the Meeting of States Parties the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Credentials of representatives to the Fifth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

"The Fifth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

"Approves the report of the Credentials Committee."

10. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Fifth Meeting of States Parties.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

11. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Fifth Meeting of States Parties adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Credentials of representatives to the Fifth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

"The Fifth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

"Approves the report of the Credentials Committee."